

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is based upon and claims the benefit of priority from Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-391214, filed on November 20, 2003, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace paragraph [0040] on page 29 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0040] In the infrared ray lamp according to Embodiment 1 configured as described above, when a desired voltage is applied to the external lead wires 9A and/or 9B respectively derived from both ends thereof, the desired voltage is applied from the internal lead wires ~~4A and/or 4B~~ wire portions 11, connected to the external lead wires 9A and/or 9B via the molybdenum foils 8 to the corresponding heating elements 2A and/or 2B, a current flows through the heating elements 2A and/or 2B, and heat is generated by virtue of the resistance of the heating elements 2A and/or 2B. Infrared rays are radiated from the heating elements 2A and/or 2B being heated at this time.